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SUBJECT: The Four and Twenty
Elders

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- 24 in number, the Levitical priesthood divided into 24 courses
 I Chron. 24:25. Only people a holy priesthood, I P. 2:5
 " 17:12 - " 1:2:8

The whole church, the sum of them all. Complete. The redeemed
 are made up of definite numbers.

The Translated, Raptured Church in Heaven

At Rev 4, after 3, the whole situation changes.
 Not the land in the midst of the Laurentian or earth, but it there
 Not the church in the midst of the world, but the saints in heaven.
 The church at every point throughout this period, tribulation, not seen
 until all along the end with, heaven is ch 19.

Resurrected, translated, they are in heaven when the earth has perished,
 4:5, 10 follow the story, the dead but one, then speaks of the church, they
 about the end world & year 6, fall down worship as the Lord of
 5:5, 6, 8, 11, 14

7:11, 12 they are in this place in heaven when the accession of the
 multiple unit, the great tribulation comes in

11:16 at the 2nd and last trumpet, the command is to rise, they rise
 17:2

14:3 the 144,000 distinct people in robes 144,000 gather with the
 Lamb into Zion

19:4 they are spectators of the judgment upon the great Babylon, in
 addition as they see the fall.

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4:2 In the center of heaven, ecclesiastic, majestic beyond description
the θρόνος & αὐτῶν.

4:4 In a wide circle around it, 24 ἄνθρωποι θρόνων. The sun,
the θρόνος & αὐτῶν, are also 24 ἄνθρωποι θρόνων.

Seated on these thrones, face one toward another.

1. They are not spirits
Spirits seated, clothed, crowned is an inconceivable thought
entirely foreign to Scripture.

2. They are not angels (do not belong to any angelic order)

5:11 they are listed separately from angels

5:11 angels are never mentioned (Heb. 12:22) the elders are

4:4 angels are never crowned; these elders are.

NOTE the crown is στέφανος & without crown, garland
not δίδωμαι the crown of kings.

5:9 ἄνθρωποι οὗτοι ἠντιθέτως... (not in A text in 21) [first resurrection
being the ransomed sinners]

3. They are the resurrected, redeemed of ¹²tribes, ¹²apostles,
crowned, enthroned in association with the royalty of heaven.

(1) seated on thrones, not standing waiting, as royal councillors, etc.
Matt. 19:28; Mk. 16:7; Lk. 22:30 the last time
"chosen to sit on 12 thrones with me."

(2) 5:9 sinners being redeemed out of every tribe, people, nation

(4) 24 in number: the 12 patriarchs, 12 apostles, 12 thrones
redeemed of the two periods in a way as did the 12 tribes of Israel.

- in the new Jerusalem, 21:12 the 12 gates the names of the 12 tribes
21:14 " " foundation . . . 12 apostles

- in 15:3 the song of Moses - the 12
- OT saints, some have already risen Matt. 27:52, 53
been translated Enoch, Elijah
, all are in heaven (Moses with Elijah)

- Heb. 12:22-24 both together

God's Redeemed In Heaven.
(Two events for the church following the Rapture)

I. All before the B¹ma of Christ

II Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:20; I Cor. 3:9-15

Reward is associated with the resurrection - II. 14:14 ^{syncretistic time} or resurrection
the return of Christ - I Cor. 4:5 ^{not at Paul's}
II Tim. 4:8 ^{deceased &}
Rev. 22:12 ^{the opening}
11:18

II. The marriage of the Lamb

Rev. 19:7-9

19:7 "his wife, made ready"
18 "righteousness" fl. } the B¹ma

18 "fine linen, clean and white"

(as seen. Jan. Hwy Hwy. Fract. Her white silk dress, green just diamond,
The basket church dresses in quality color, scale...)

19:7 "marriage is come": 7 18:21 a covenant a completed act
marriage has been consummated

We shall pass from the B¹ma with 7 records into the
land of the Lamb as his bride and his forever.

No details of the marriage are given.

Here spoken of in the rest of the Lamb returns from heaven.

19:4 the 24 elders, the mystic representatives of the redeemed,
are seen in heaven immediately after the translation Rev. 4:4.
Here they are named the last time.

The elders divide, so to speak, ^{and the term distinguishes} the bride and the guests of the
this respective place in the order of heaven, in relation to the Lamb.

THE BRIDE is the church, the body of Christ. Rev. 7:4
II Cor. 11:2
Eph. 5:25-27

All the saints between Pentecost and Translations
not dead, not a resurrection thing, but the church of the NT is the bride.

19:9

THE GUESTS at the marriage supper.

Some blessings are common to all believers, of all times.
But there are special blessings to the saints, the dignitaries. Rev. 11:4
12:11:40

The bride and the guests are clearly distinguished: the bride is one
: the guests share the supper.

The blessing of the guests:

The angel addressing the Seer, said "write". The ingredients,
speciality of the commandment. "Blessed are... called?" Not said of the
bride. Her blessing to be the bride, the wife. But lest think the other
poorly recompensed, the particular will be.

John 3:29 John expressly tells us, as the friend of the Bridegroom.
The Baptist was martyred before the church was formed. Hence he
comes in as judge of the merit of the guests at the marriage
supper. OT saints contribute to the happy wedding of the called guests.
Abraham rejoices to see this day. . . . Also rejoices to be a friend of the Bridegroom.